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MARKEY SLAMS BUSH ADMINISTRATION ENVIRONMENT PLAN

Calls plan a sweetheart deal to corporate polluters

Washington, D.C. -- Today Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, released the following statement in response to the Bush administration announcement of "voluntary" measures to reduce carbon dioxide emissions:

"Today the Bush Administration and its corporate polluter partners cynically attempted to convince Americans that they are doing something to protect the environment by announcing a "voluntary" emissions reduction program. Unfortunately, the plan amounts to just more smog and mirrors. Instead of taking meaningful steps to reduce pollution through requiring reduced emissions from dirty old coal plants or gas-guzzling SUVs, the Bush plan uses Enron-esque accounting techniques and will actually result in *increased* air pollution. Today's sweetheart deal is an early Valentine's Day present for the polluters, but one that will result in dirtier air around the country."

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